

STATE OF MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

September 22, 2022

To the Family of Former Prime Minister Abe:

The First Lady and I were deeply saddened by the news of Prime Minister Abe's tragic death. Please accept our sincerest personal condolences, as well as those of all the people of the State of Maryland.

I fondly recall my first meeting with the Prime Minister during our first overseas trade mission in 2015. It was clear just how truly committed he was to the U.S.-Japan alliance, which has benefited greatly from his visionary leadership. The world has lost a strong voice for freedom and democracy, but the Prime Minister's legacy will live on in our common values and aspirations.

Our prayers are with you and with the Japanese people during this time of mourning and remembrance.

Sincerely,

Larry Hogan Governor

State of Maryland